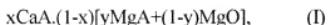


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Powdery composition which includes as a first component a calcic compound complying with formula I



in which

A is a $-(OH)_2$ or $-CO_3$ group, and

x and y are molar fractions where $0 < x \leq 1$ and $0 \leq y \leq 1$,

and which includes as a second component in the powdery composition a quantity of a mineral solid flow agent selected from the group consisting of vermiculite, perlite, diatomaceous earth and silica, in the form of particles having a size greater than $90 \mu m$, said quantity of mineral solid flow agent being greater than zero and less than 5% by weight of the powdery composition; and

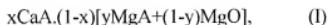
wherein the calcic compound which is included as the first component of the powdery composition has a particle size less than $250 \mu m$.

Claim 2 (previously presented) Composition according to claim 1, characterized in that it contains the flow agent in a quantity of less than or equal to 3% by weight.

Claim 3 (previously presented) Composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the mineral solid flow agent has a particle size greater than $125 \mu m$.

Claim 4 (previously presented) Composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the mineral solid flow agent is sand.

Claim 5 (previously presented) Powdery composition which includes as a first component a calcic compound complying with formula I



in which

A is a $=(OH)_2$ or $=CO_3$ group, and

x and y are molar fractions where $0 < x < 1$ and $0 < y < 1$,

and which includes as a second component in the powdery composition a quantity of a mineral solid flow agent in the form of particles having a size greater than $90 \mu m$, said quantity of mineral solid flow agent being greater than zero and less than 5% by weight of the powdery composition;

wherein the calcic compound which is included as the first component of the powdery composition has a particle size less than $250 \mu m$; and

characterized in that the mineral solid flow agent is attapulgite.

Claim 6 (previously presented) Composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the mineral solid flow agent is raw vermiculite.

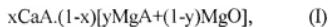
Claim 7 (previously presented) Composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the mineral solid flow agent is expanded vermiculite.

Claim 8 (previously presented) Composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the mineral solid flow agent is expanded perlite.

Claim 9 (previously presented) Composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the calcic compound is at a degree of purity greater than 90%.

Claim 10 (previously presented) Composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the calcic compound which makes up a first component of the powdery composition has a particle size of less than 20 μm .

Claim 11 (new): Powdery composition which includes as a first component a calcic compound complying with formula I



in which

A is a $=\text{OH}_2$ or $=\text{CO}_3$ group, and

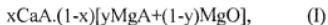
x and y are molar fractions where $0 < x < 1$ and $0 < y < 1$,

and which includes as a second component in the powdery composition a quantity of a mineral solid flow agent in the form of particles having a size greater than 90 μm , said quantity of mineral solid flow agent being greater than zero and less than 5% by weight of the powdery composition;

wherein the calcic compound which is included as the first component of the powdery composition has a particle size less than 250 μm ; and

characterized in that the mineral solid flow agent is raw vermiculite.

Claim 12 (new): Powdery composition which includes as a first component a calcic compound complying with formula I



in which

A is a $=\text{OH}_2$ or $=\text{CO}_3$ group, and

x and y are molar fractions where $0 < x < 1$ and $0 < y < 1$,

and which includes as a second component in the powdery composition a quantity of a mineral solid flow agent in the form of particles having a size greater than $90 \mu\text{m}$, said quantity of mineral solid flow agent being greater than zero and less than 5% by weight of the powdery composition;

wherein the calcic compound which is included as the first component of the powdery composition has a particle size less than $250 \mu\text{m}$; and

characterized in that the mineral solid flow agent is expanded vermiculite.